








User's Guide - Overview

This documentation provides information on the usage of Natural in a UNIX or OpenVMS environment.

The following topics are covered:

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|  General Information | This section provides information on the following topics: the main components of Natural, how to invoke and how to terminate a Natural session, an overview of the Natural Main Menu functions, an overview of the Natural editors, and how asterisk notation is used. |
|  Tutorial - Getting Started with Natural | This section contains a series of tutorial sessions which introduce you to some of the basics of programming in Natural |
|  DDM Services | DDMs are data definition modules and represent a logical view of a physical database file. This section describes how to maintain Natural DDMs. |
|  Program Editor | This section describes the program editor, which is used to create and maintain Natural programs, subprograms, subroutines, help routines, copycode and text. |
|  Data Area Editor | This section describes the data area editor, which is used to create and maintain Natural local data areas, global data areas and parameter data areas. |
|  Map Editor | This section describes the map editor, which is used to create and maintain Natural maps and help maps. |
|  SYSMAIN Utility | The SYSMAIN utility is used to perform object operations in Natural such as copy, move, delete or import. In most cases this can be accomplished using drag and drop or cut, copy and paste objects. Also importing of objects can be done with this technique. |

Other Natural Documentation

This is a brief overview other Natural documentation available for UNIX and OpenVMS.

Note:

Documentation for Natural Selectable Units is not included in this overview.

In addition to the User's Guide for UNIX and OpenVMS, the following documentation is available for further information:

- Programming Guide (*)
- Statements Documentation (*)
- Reference Documentation (*)
- Installing and Setting Up Natural on UNIX
- Installing and Setting Up Natural on OpenVMS
- Operations for OpenVMS and UNIX
- Natural Debugger

(*) These documents apply to all platforms on which Natural can be used.